



## 2012 Montana Secretary of State EAS Overview

**The Electronic Absentee System will be available for the 2012 Primary Election beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 20, 2012, through 8:00 p.m. on June 5, 2012**

### The UNIFORMED AND ABSENTEE CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) created special provisions to make registering to vote, obtaining, returning and tracking absentee ballots easier for members of the armed forces, their families and overseas U.S. citizens who are absent from their Montana voting residence.

### ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE SYSTEM (EAS)

The 2012 EAS provides UOCAVA voters a one-stop website to access election resources and information online. UOCAVA voters can use the EAS to seamlessly prepare or update their voter registration and mark their ballot.

### UOCAVA Voters

UOCAVA electors are most commonly identified as one of the following who are absent from their place of residence:

- Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty.
- Spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty.
- U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.

### AVAILABILITY

UOCAVA Voters can access the EAS beginning 45 days before the 2012 Primary and General Elections.

Election	Election Day	EAS Availability
Primary	June 5, 2012	April 20, 2012 – June 5, 2012
General	November 6, 2012	September 21, 2012 – November 6, 2012

### DIRECTIONS

**Step 1:** The EAS is available from:

- The Secretary of State's website: [sos.mt.gov/election/Military\\_Overseas](http://sos.mt.gov/election/Military_Overseas)
- The EAS website: [Vote4Montana.us](http://Vote4Montana.us)

**Step 2:** Complete the Affirmation and user information.

**Step 3:** Review or complete your Montana voting residence information and current mailing address.

**Step 4:** Select your UOCAVA voting status.

**Step 5:** Review your information.

**Step 6:** If necessary, complete the Federal Post Card Application that will be provided pre-filled with the information you entered in the Electronic Absentee System if the system does not identify you as a registered UOCAVA voter.

**Step 6:** Mark your ballot selections. *For the Primary Election you will choose a party ballot to submit.*

**Step 7:** Confirm your ballot selections.

**Step 8:** Select your ballot submission method (Email, Fax, and Mail).

By Email

By Fax

By Mail

**Step 9:** Depending on the return method you selected: save or print your marked ballot and related materials.

**Step 10:** If returning by Email, ensure your identification numbers are included on the cover sheet.

If returning by Fax or Mail, ensure that your cover sheet includes your signature.

**Step 11:** Return your ballot and supporting documents to your [Montana county election office](#).

**Step 12:** Track your ballot online at [My Voter Page](#) or contact your [Montana county election office](#).



### QUESTIONS?

For questions about returning your absentee ballot contact your [Montana county election office](#).

For questions about the EAS contact the Secretary of State at [soselections@mt.gov](mailto:soselections@mt.gov) or toll free at 1 (888) 884-8683.